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 Eat less and talk less.

Ex-President Wm. H. Taft says there are no Republicans nor Democrats in these dire times of war. We are all Americans.

The Message wants to publish all the letters it can get from the soldier boys. If your son writes you anything the public and his friends would be interested in, please let us have it for publication.

The wool supply in America is short. The Government proposes to clothe the soldiers in virgin wool. Civilians will be expected to put up with used wool (shoddy) and cotton.

The people of Audrain County are going to be called upon to contribute \$8,700 toward the Y. M. C. A. This organization is doing its best to be of service and help to our soldier boys—no organization in the world is doing more. So when you have a chance to help toward raising the above named sum give till it hurts.

Dr. J. W. Millon declares that no one has any business in this critical time of making and hoarding money. If you are making money, as sure as you live, you are going to be called upon to give up a part of it. The Government protects you in making money, and now while the Government is at stake you must do your part to help. If you cannot go to the trenches, you must help with your gold.

Ex-President Taft's address at Hardin College Friday night was a masterpiece. It was a most powerful argument for the justice of our entering the great war. We are in the war because there was no other course for us to pursue. Germany's murdering of our citizens, her ruthlessness and her deafness to all our calls for redress of grievances drove us to it. Germany cannot be trusted; she must be whipped and the Hohenzollers routed.

The automobile and the motor truck put the fin-hing touches—the discouraging touches—on the future prospects for the Electric Railroad out of Mexico to Santa Fe. Mexico herself once had a street railway. It ran out toward Hardin College, thru cornfields, to the Fair Grounds. "Old things are passing away, behold, all things are becoming new." After the war, what's the flying machine going to do with these new things?

SOLDIERS IN DANGER.

The Moment They Step On The Steamer—Submarines, Zeppelins, Shells, Gas—France's Immortality.

Rev. E. T. Clark of St. Louis who spoke at different places in Audrain county this week used the following striking statements:

"I went to Europe as a newspaper representative for the New York Tribune to make investigations, not in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. While there I naturally came in contact with the work of the Association. And it is so commendable that I am greatly pleased to have this opportunity of telling the people about it.

"The men who leave our shores are in mortal danger all the time, from the moment they step on the steamer at New York because of the submarine in the Atlantic, the Zeppelin to the soldiers in France and fire along the battle lines in France and Belgium, but the moral situation is far more disastrous than the shell and gas. There are no restrictions whatever on the sale of liquor to the soldiers in France and counties public houses are continually holding out their inducements and temptations to the men in khaki.

"You ought to dig trenches between our homes and the public houses," said Mr. Clark, in quoting the statement made by a British soldier to a member of Parliament. "There is no agency which endeavors to combat the influences surrounding the army camps except the Y. M. C. A. There is no interdenominational institution other than the Association affording place for religious meetings of all kinds. There is no provision made by other organizations for the social and recreational well-being of the men."

FROM KANSAS.
 Likes The Message—Former Audrain Boy In The Army, Stationed In California.

Morganville, Kan., Oct. 31, 1917.
 My Dear Friend: Enclosed find the dollar for the best of papers. The Mexico Message. It is so like a letter from home and we do not want to miss a copy. I see you ask to hear from all soldier boys of Audrain; I will tell you of my son, Charles Edwin Davis, son of the late Prof. S.T. Davis. Of course, Mr. Beal, you remember him. I give you Charlie's address, for some Audrain friends would like to know where he is stationed: Charles Edwin Davis, Co. 28, U. S. Naval Training Sta., San Francisco, Calif., School Hospital.

He is much pleased with the service. He is in school every day, thinks the training fine, and says "Uncle Sam" knows how to feed and take good care of his sailor boys.

With best wishes for all, I am, Very respectfully, Mrs. S. T. Davis.

HARRISON ITEMS.

Col. George Barker has erected a new cellar, and he says if he can't get coal to sit by he can stay in his cellar.

James H. Jones sold J. R. Brown 9 two year old steers at \$8.75 per.

Mrs. Lon Coleman of Higbee visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Pool, from Friday evening until Sunday.

John M. Hartley bought the farm where Wm. Eisle lives from Frank Marsh, known to the older residents as the Babe Johnson place, 173 acres. Mr. Marsh recently sold his place to a Mr. Jones of Iowa. We hope Mr. M. may decide to locate in our community again as we regret to lose him and his excellent family.

S. A. Pool sold to W. M. Affick 7 nice calves at 8 1-2 cents a pound, weight 3,580.

We are having nice weather on our late corn.

J. A. Coolley is having his house reshingled and is improving it otherwise.

Mrs. Barker of Paris is paying her son, George, and family a visit.

Jas. P. Ridgeway, one of our mule kings, bought a nice pair of horse mule colts from Ernest Davis for \$80.

Word comes from Tony Jones at Camp Funston to the effect that he will probably get a week's furlough to visit homefolks at Christmas.

W. B. Jones was a Paris visitor Sunday.

C. R. Jones butchered a fine hog last Friday.

There seems to be quite a number of Iowa land buyers in our community of late.

Jacob Jones was in Mexico on business Monday.

Farmers are waiting for the corn to get dry enough to crib.

MR. TRUEX.

Mr. H. B. Truex, 82 years old, died at Pilot Grove, Mo., last Thursday. He was the father of Rev. H. E. Truex, a former pastor of the Mexico Baptist Church and who married Miss Irma Johnson of this city.

The Wednesday Club held its first meeting at which was combined the recitations of lessons with the click of knitting needles. Miss Anne Lewis conducted the lesson and Mrs. Locke the Quiz. The Club will devote its efforts towards knitting sweaters for the soldier boys of Audrain. While the ladies are halving their time, the war work will by no means be in a half-hearted manner. The people will be glad to assist the ladies in thus endeavoring to provide for the boys.

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McMILLAN NOTES.
 (By William Hickman.)

TAFT VISITS McMILLAN.

During the few hours he spent in Mexico, Ex-President William Howard Taft honored the McMillanites with a pleasant visit. For the first time in its history McMillan had the privilege of enjoying an address by one who has been chief executive of the greatest nation in the world.

Arriving on Wabash from St. Louis at 12:09 p.m., Mr. Taft was escorted by the Missouri Military Academy Battalion to the Academy, where during the luncheon hour he made a speech to the cadets. Besides Mr. Taft Col. Burton had as guests, Dr. J. W. Millon, president of Hardin College; Supt. Herbert Pryor, and other men of prominence.

After about two hours Mr. Taft came to see a great high school managed by his able host, Supt. Herbert L. Pryor. McMillan was ready. Work was suspended at 2:15. The girls went directly to the auditorium. Commandant Stoy assembled the McMillan Cadets. After marching in front of the building, Companies A & B, were placed on each side of the walk, facing each other. As Mr. Taft and his party passed into the building, the Cadet Corps gave him the salute. The boys then in proper military manner, marched to the auditorium to hear the message that this great man had instored.

After a few appreciative words of introduction by Supt. Pryor, most probably the best address ever delivered in the McMillan auditorium was given by Hon. Wm. Howard Taft. In his talk he emphasized the danger of not fully appreciating an education in this day of so many opportunities. So numerous are these opportunities that men of real learning are fewer than in the days when knowledge was secured by real effort. He said that one should not plan ahead for any great things, but, by becoming as good men and women as possible and taking advantage of the opportunities as they present themselves, one will inevitably gain fame.

At the request of Dr. Millon, Mr. Taft made additional remarks in which he explained the important work of the Red Cross, and of the Y. M. C. A. in this great war.

Mr. Taft was the guest at dinner at Hardin College. At eight in the evening, the Ex-President delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture concerning the great international controversy. Mr. Taft, who is a professor in the School of Law of Yale University, came directly from New Haven to St. Louis, where he worked in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. War Fund. He visited but three towns in Missouri;—St. Louis, Mexico, and Kirksville. The few hours spent by him in Mexico, and his visit to the High School will long be remembered by the students.

MRS. LANCASTER.

"Grandma" Lancaster, 92 years old, died last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Willey, six miles west of Molino. The funeral was held at the Willey home Monday morning, conducted by Rev. H. I. Cobb, Rev. Nickerson assisting. The body was shipped to Indianapolis for burial.

"Grandma" Lancaster was a fine Christian character. She grew old gracefully. Possessed all her bright faculties of mind to the last—went home to Heaven rejoicing.

ROY SMITH BETTER.

Roy Smith, a soldier at Camp Funston, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith of Laddonia, has been very ill lately of spinal meningitis. His mother went to Funston at once to be near him. He was much improved at last reports and his recovery is expected.

Vern Lewton in a letter on another page of The Message refers to Roy's illness and of his visit at Funston recently with the hopes of seeing him.

Hon. Champ Clark was called to Washington, D. C., this week on account of work connected with the Red Cross.

PRAIRIE LEA.

Mr. Ray Mudd returned from Monroe County Thursday, where he had been to attend the burial of his father.

Several attended the W. H. & F. M. S. at the Will Ray home Thursday and tho the weather was bad, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The young people enjoyed a hal-lowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Erle Wednesday. Some of the younger boys played pranks.

E. S. Norris bought 10 feeders from William Ray.

Little Cynthia Cunningham visited at her grandparents here Sunday.

Kinfolks numbering 41 surprised J. R. Snook on his 49th birthday Saturday. A most happy day was spent among the number.

A large number of kinfolk and

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Mrs. Barton Hubbard of Gant passed thru Mexico Tuesday on way to Moscow, Mo., to visit Mrs. J.M. Brown.

Mrs. Clara Snidow has gone to Tulsa, Okla., where she will spend the winter with her daughters, who are teaching in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Stone enjoyed a visit Sunday from Mr. and Mrs. B. Rickman, south of Mexico, and Melahn Rogers and family of Callaway county.

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